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GEORGE Can Get You There for Free June 1

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The public is invited to ride GEORGE for free on Friday, June 1 to help kick-start the summer using public transportation. The City's GEORGE clean-diesel bus runs between the East and West Falls Church Metro stations.

GEORGE is a friend to the environment, removing particulate matter from its exhaust while making public transportation easily accessible in Falls Church City. Sunlight and hot weather cause many pollutants to form in harmful concentrations in the air, making it even more important to ride public transportation in the summer.

GEORGE is part of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's RIDE FREE program that is offering free fares on all Northern Virginia buses May 1-Sept. 15, 2007 on forecast Code Orange and Red Bad Air days.

The Washington, D.C. metro area is ranked 12th worst in the U.S. for short-term particle exposure and 21st for year round exposure to particulate matter. Particulate matter are small particles that can lodge in the heart and lungs and cause serious damage including shortness of breath and even heart attacks. Area residents can help reduce particulate matter in our air by choosing public transportation.

Visit www.fallschurchva.gov/GEORGE for schedules and details about the City's clean diesel bus.

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